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REMARKS

The claim in the application is Claim 36. There are no rejections under 35 USC

112. The Examiner has considered the IDS submitted with the RCE earlier this year.

The Examiner has rejected the Claim 25 under 35 USC 103(a), citing

WO2002/083657, in view of Patani and further in view of Chu-Moyer and Van der

Geest. The rejection contends that the process claimed is an obvious route to make the

compounds within the claim, as the starting materials in the instant application are

bioisosteres or analogues of the methods disclosed in the prior art.

This rejection is superficially correct; however, the prior art is not that

straightforward. Without the teaching of Applicants' invention, there would be no

motivation to try to provide a process to make the compounds. The Examiner has made

very particular and selective choices to combine fragments of the prior art. Rather than

presenting a strong prima facie case, the very complexity of the rejection argues that the

combination of the reference teachings is not that straightforward. The goal of the

compound is supplied by Applicants' teaching, and the motivation of those skilled in the

art is lacking without that supplied in fact by the instantly claimed invention.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claim 36 is

respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due with this paper, but the Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account

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This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of

the above remarks and Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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